THURSDAY February 19, 1857. SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS

The Union says of the cast of the Cabinet which is now so universally regarded here as the one that Mr. Buchanan has determined on: "For the last twenty-four hours public opinion in Washington seems to have settled down upon the following cast of Mr. Buchan-

an's Cabinet : Lewis Cass, Secretary of State. Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury. John B Floyd, Secretary of War. A V. Brown, Secretary of the Navy. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of Interior.

J. Glancy Jones, Postmaster General. Isaac Toucey, Attorney General. "We know of no information of an authentic character which justifies the confidence with which the foregoing is received as the cabinet, or as so near the cabinet that only a single change is suggested It may be mere conjecture; but whatever may have created the general impression, it is certain, so far as our observation has extended, the cast of the cabinet above meets with decided approval If this, or a cabinet composed of such names, is formed, our anticipations as to the wise discrimination for which we have given Mr. Buchanan full credit will be entirely realized. We express no opinion as to the correctness of the list of names, for we have no grounds for any opinion; but we venture to say, that if the list is the true cabinet, the public mind will be entirely satisfied that Mr. Buchanan's administration will start under most favorable

We have to say that, from all the signs in the political horizon, we draw the conclusion that the gentlemen named above are to form Mr. Buchanan's Administration. Foremost among these signs we place the hearty acquir esence and approval manifested by the Demo crats of Congress, from all sections of the Union, with reference to this list. True, here and there there may be a Senator or Member, the partisan of some distinguished gentleman not named on it, who regrets that his friend may not be included But, as a whole, we are very sure that it meets the views of nearly every Democratic member of both Houses. Thus, it is already rendered certain that the new Ad ministration is to start out with the confidence and the warmest sympathy of every Democratic Senator and Representative; a point never achieved before-one of inestimable importance, as will be apparent in six months. In the course of our long experience in such matters we never before witnessed so universal approval of the selection of a Cabinet by an incoming Executive, as is just now being manifested by all those to whose sympathy and support Mr. Enchanan must look for the triumph of the policy of his Administration.

The following brief extract from a private letter to the editors of the Journal of Commerce contains truths, as we know well, concerning this state of feeling, and illustrates to the letter the sentiment on the part of the great States-rights party of the country, which alms only to secure a faithful administration of the Government, upon the strict letter of

" Perhaps it would be gratifying to you to learn that there is a general disposition in the South to give Mr. Buchanan a hearty support. The party is compact and united and barmonious, notwithstanding the absurd stories set affoat from this and other points. I belong to the State-rights wing, with Hunter, Mason, Rusk, Fitzpatrick, Clay, Davis, and others. I see these gentlemen often, and you may rest satisfied that we are going to have a hearty, cordial, and popular administration. The South feels the nearness of danger, is aware of the necessity of moderation, and will rely upon Mr Buchanan. The Intelligencer is devoted to news to-day.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP

Lossing's History of the United States .-As it is proposed to "cram" this work into the public schools of the country, it is worth the public's while to examine it critically. We therefore proceed to quote and comment on a few of its remarkable passages:

Page 486. The command of the army of the West was given to General Kearney with instructions to conquer New Mexico and California. He left Fort Leavenworth in June, and after a journey of nine hundred miles over the great plains and mountain ranges, he arrived at Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico, on the 18th of August. He met with no resistance, and having taken peaceable possession of the country and constituted Charles Bent its governor, he marched towards California He soon met an express from Commodore Stockton and Lieut Col. Fremont, informing him that the conquest of California had already been achieved.

Page 487. Fremont had been sent with a party of about sixty men to explore portions of New Mexico and California. When he arrived in the vicinity of Monterey, on the Pacific coast he was opposed by a Mexican force under General Castro Fremont aroused all the American settlers in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay, captured a Mexican post and garrison, and nine cannons, and two hundred and fifty muskets at Sonora Pass, (June 15, 1846.) and then advanced to Sonors, and defeated Castro and his troops. The Mexican authorities were effectually driven out of that region of the country, and on the 5th of July the American Californians declared themselves independent, and placed Fremont at the head of the government. Two days afterward Commodore Sloat, then in command of the squadron on the Pacific, bombarded and captured Monterey; and on the 9th Commodore Montgomery took possession of San Francisco. Commodore Stockton arrived on the 15th, and with Col Fremont took possession of the city of Los Angelos on the 17th of August. On receiving this information Kearney sent the main body of his troops to Santa Fe, and with one hundred men he pushed forward to Los Angelos near the Pacific coast, where he met (December 27, 1847) Stockton and Fremont In company with these officers he shared in the honor of the final battle of San Gabriel (June 8, 1847,) which completed the conquest and pacification of California. Fremont, the real liberator of that country claimed the right to be governor, and was supported by Stockton and the people; but Kearney, his superior officer, would not acquiesce. Fremont refused to obey him, and Kearney departed, sailed to Monterey, and there in conjunction with Commodore Shubrick he assumed the office of Governor, and proclaimed (February 8, 1847,) the annexation of California to the United Fremont was ordered home to be tried for

dischedience of orders. He was deprived of his commission, but the President valuing him as one of the ablest officers in the army, offered it to him again. Fremont refused it, and went again to the wilderness and engaged in exploration.

COMMENTS.

It would perhaps be difficult to compress, in the same space as much perversion of the truth of history, as the author has succeeded in doing in the above extract from his work. We have no disposition to revive the discussions of the political campaign just past, but an attempt is being made to force Mr. Lossing's History upon the schools of this District as a text book, and we must object to a history which in matters that recent events have made familiar to us all, is so careless in its

Col. Frement was not placed by the American Californians at the head of their government, nor was he at the battle of San Gabriel, or in any other fight

published during the last autumn give us all at \$69,723 63.

the facts in reference to the conquest of California, on which to base an opinion of who was the conqueror of California; but we have nothing to do with opinions-we only deal in facts. (For some of which see Capt Schenk's letter, and Senator Thompson's speech in the United States Senate.)

The Americans were roused under a proclamation by Ide, and the independence of California was declared by the same person. (See San Francisco Sun, September 5, 1856, and

extensively republished Fremont was not called by the people of California to be their Governor July 5th, 1846, or at any other time; but was appointed by Stockton in January, 1847. No record or evidence of any kind is produced to the contrary. and, in truth, none exists.

The history contradicts itself by saying that Kearny received notice on the march that the conquest of California had already been achieved, and almost on the same page averring that six months or more afterwards Kearney arrived to share with Stockton and Fremont the honors in the final battle of San Gabriel, January 8, 1847, which completed the conquest and pacification of California!

How could the conquest be already achieved when the final battle was fought nearly a year afterwards, which completed the conquest and pacification?

Now, as to the averment of this historian that Mr. Fremont was present to sha re in the honor of the final battle of San Gabriel (January 8, 1847.) It was averred during the campaign just passed that Col. Fremont was not in that battle, or in any other during the conquest of California.

The records of the War Department, the testimony before his court martial, and the individual testimony of officers on service in California during the war, make no mention of his having been present at that battle or any other in California.

It is not known to us where he was at the time: but evidence produced goes to show that he was at such a distance that he did not receive the news of the battle until the 11th, three days afterward! Yet this veracious historian avers that he shared in the honor of the final battle of San Gabriel! Five hundred eye witnesses of that battle now living can be brought to attest the fact that he was not in that battle, and was not near the field. (See Letter of Capt. Schenk, U. S. N.; and also Speech of Hon. J R Thompson)

The conclusion of Mr. Lossing as to who was the real conqueror of California, to the disparagement of Stockton and Kearney, may go for what they are worth, now that the facts upon which he bases them are upturned

The complexion of the book may be seen up, was, on motion, laid on the table from the fact that Mr. Frement is figured on a page as big as the palm of your hand, and General Scott's huge proportions are figured in a corner in a miniature about the size of Tenn. in its favor, ere we went to press.

Such stuff is too transparent to catch gulls.

A Letter from Walker's Army .- A captain in Walker's army, a native of this city, well known to us, writes to a relative as fellows :

RIVAS, December 28, 1856 I received your letter by the last mail, and am glad to hear that you are all alive if not well. I have been very ill since you heard from me last, but am nearly well, but still very weak It is impossible for me to write you the events that have happened, and the condition we have been in for the last three mouths. You may see something of them in the papers, but the truth will not reach you; the number killed in the last battle, died of wounds, and by starvation, is awful Gen. Walker has moved the headquarters of his half-starved army here. If the enemy attack us here and get the best of us we are done. but I don't think they can whip us here and I don't think there is any danger of their at tacking us. My time is up in February, and I will use every effort to get home. If you can possibly raise me \$50 I can do it I would not call on you, but we are paid off in scrip, and it is not worth a cent. If you can raise the money send New Orleans money by the tion. next steamer in a letter.

The writer we know to be a person of truth and probity, and wonder how a man of his intelligence and substantial character could suffer himself to be inveigled into thus sacri ficing himself by way of aiding and abetting the moonshine pecuniary speculations which are at the bottom of all the efforts to supply American victims to the climate of Nicaragua, and the Minnie rifles of the natives of the country he has invaded.

The Court of Inquiry .- The following General Order" explains all the points of interest with reference to the manner in which the recent supplemental naval reform law is

GENERAL ORDER. NAVY DEPARTMENT, Feb. 11, 1857. A naval court of inquiry, to consist of Captain E A. F. Lavallette as president. Captain S. H. Stringham and William J. McCluney members, and J. M. Carlisle, Esq , judge advocate, is hereby ordered to convene in the city of Washington on Friday, the 20th day of February, 1857, for the purpose of making such investigations as may be directed under the first section of the act approved January 16, 1857, entitled "An act to promote the

efficiency of the navy. The cases of those who have applied for an investigation under the said law shall be taken up in the following order: first, those of the officers who have been dropped from the rolls of the navy; secondly, those of officers placed vestigation in cases of the same class will be regulated by the order in which written requests have been filed.

J. C. DOBBIN,

The Indiana Senatorial Question-The New York Tribune has spasms over this ques" tion. Its characteristic tendency to hydrophobia never was more forcibly illustrated than in its late disquisitions upon this particular subject. Its aim is, of course, to secure success for the scheme concocted by the Republican party managers in this city and duly carried out by their partisans in the Legislature at Indianapolis. All who see behind the curtain here are aware that the tricks essayed there to throw doubt on the validity of the election in question, were cunningly and care fully matured here, and had for their aim the single purpose of defeating the action of a majority of the Legislature (of Indiana) for the benefit of the Republican party. It remains to be seen how far that purpose can triumph, now that all the world know the history and character of its attendant plots

The House Investigating Committee : ported this morning in the case of Mr. Gilbert, a member from New York, charged by them with corruption. The proceedings showed great excitement on the part of nearly all the members, and more feeling than we have often seen displayed in the Hall.

Award .- The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded the contract for constructing the new Custom House at Galveston, Texas, to C. B. The personal memoirs and official documents Clusky & Co., they being the lowest bidders,

Court of Claims .- On Tuesday, Hon, N. A. Baker, of Clinton, Iowa, was appointed a commissioner to take testimony

J. D B De Bow, Esq , of Louisiana, was sworn an attorney of the court, Chief Justice Gilchrist delivered the opinion of the court in the following cases against the United States, in which favorable bills were

Robbins, Anna Parrot, Nancy Madison, Mary Capt Ge Burt, Mercy Armstrong, Rosamond Robinson, Lucretia Wilcox, Lavena Tipton. Easther Stevens, Margaret Taylor, Hannah Weaver, Ann

Mr. Averill concluded his argument in the ase of Picard, and the case was submitted. Mr. Ely opened the argument on the part of the claimants in the case of Spence & Reid, on the facts; and continued until the court adjourned.

Yesterday-Samuel C. Perkins, Esq., of Philadelphia, was sworn an attorney of the

Mr. Ely concluded the argument in the case f Spence & Reid. Mr Blair replied, and the case was submitted. Adjourned.

The Current Operations of the Treasury Department .- On yesterday, 18th February, there were of Treasury warrants entered on the books of the Department-For the redemption of Stocks.... \$15,605 09

For the Treasury Department... 50,484 60 For the Interior Department 4,099 33 For Customs..... 27,889 91 War warrants received and entered..... On account of the Navy..... 2 467 81 From miscellaneous sources 1,477 82

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE, yesterday, after we went to press, the balance of the day's session was devoted to the consideration of Executive business, with closed doors.

IN THE HOUSE, various propositions to amend the Tariff bill of Mr. Campbell of Ohio, were debated in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, all of which were rejected except one offered by Mr. Morrill, as follows:

That "on and after the 10th of July nothing in this act shall be so construed as to admit any wool free unless its cost shall be at the place of importation ten cents per pound or less; and also that no waste or sheddy or sheeped pelts, or skins with the wool on, shall be imported at a less rate of duty than is now imposed upon the said article When the Committee rose the benate's

amendment to the House bill relating to fer eign silver coin, making it lawful for two years after the passage of the act, to pay out at the mint cents for the fractional parts of a dollar at their nominal value of twenty-five, twelve and a half, and six and a quarter cents respectively, was agreed to.

After the transaction of some other business they adjourned.

Proceedings of To-Day.

IN THE SENATE, to-day, the bill passed by the House on the day before yesterday, repealing all existing law in Kansas, being take

The Submarine Telegraph bill then came up on the House amendments thereto, and was debated by Messrs. Thompson of Ky , Hunter. and Butler against it, and Rusk and Bell of

IN THE HOUSE, Mr Letcher reported from the Ways and Means Committee a bill for the relief of the Norfolk and Petersburg railroad

This bill grants an extension of time to this company for the payment of duties on railroad

Mr Letcher moved to put it on its passage, and it was debated by Messrs Letcher and Millson in its favor, and Mr. Campbell of Pa., against it On motion of Mr. C. it was laid on the table—yeas 93, nays 89.

Mr. Davis, of Md., rising to a privileged question, made a report from the existing (House) Investigating Committee on the case of William Gilbert, a member from New York, charged with having made a corrupt bargain with F. F. C. Triplett for services to be rerdered to him in getting a resolution passed by Congress, apprepriating money for the parchase of a work of the said Triplett's Mr. Bennett, rising to a point of order, con-

tended that the character of the report was not in accordance with the resolution under which the committee were appointed. Mr. B. and Mr. Grow advocated this point

of order, and the propriety of recommitting the report, with instructions to the committee to confine it to the strict letter of the resolu-

Here followed excited conversational de bate, in which many members participated. The Speaker having overruled the joint order.

Mr Davis then commenced to read his report from the rostrum, when

Mr Watson protested against proceeding with the reading, on the ground that the re-port was wholly foreign to the duty devolved on the committee by the resolution. Mr. Davis then continued the reading of the

report amid profound silence and deep excite-It concluded with a resolution for the ex-

pulsion of Wm. A Gilbert. The question being on its adoption-

Mr Grow addressed the House with great earnestness against it, contending that the report showed that the Committee not only went beyond the line of their duty, but conducted their proceedings on a star chamber plan, summoning profligates from the streets of Washington to blacken the character of members, from whom their testimony was kept secret until long after it had been given in sc-

The Peabody Gift to Baltimore.

The gift of George Peabody, Esq , to the city of Baltimore, of \$300,000 for the establishment of an Institute for the promotion of education and the fine arts, is one of unexampled munificence His letter to the gentlemen whom he has selected as trustees is admirable, and the general plan of the institution which he submits to them shows that he has given to the subject the most careful consideration. on "furlough," and lastly, those of officers The plan includes an extensive library, the on "leave of absence pay." Priority of indelivery of lectures, rewards to the meritorious graduates of the public high schools, an academy of music, a gallery of paintings and sculpture, &c. Rooms are to be provided in the building for the Maryland Historical Society. The Institute is never to be used for the dissemination or discussion of sectarian theology or party politics," or to minister to dissension, infidelity, visionary theories of philosophy or sectional jealousies. He cortemplates contributing further to the Institute as it may need his assistance, until fully es-

THE BERGEN RIOTS .- The New York Herald of yesterday says :

"The excitement consequent upon the riot at Bergen tunnel has not yet abated. The Hoboken Artillery were on duty on Monday night, and were relieved yesterday by the Montgomery Guard. The Greenville Guard were stationed at the Court House last night, where they will remain until this morning. An investigation of the affair was commenced yesterday, and from the testimony elicited the riot seems to have been premeditated A quantity of firearms and other weapons were seized on Monday night—the muskets fowling pieces and pistols being loaded and capped '

On Friday last, V. S Ludwigh, editor of the "Die Fackel," a German paper, in Maryland, who, during the Presidential campaign, went to the North and wrote some rath. er doubtful letters from there about the pecuilar institution, arrived in Savannah. The Journal says his proclivities being noised about, he was immediately put into jail A meeting was held by some citizens who determined to treat him to tar and feathers, another "peculiar institution," if he did not leave the city.

There are 140 vessels in the port of Norfolk, Virginia.

PERSONAL Miss Louisa Pyne and Mr. W. Harrison, of the English Opera, are at Browns' Hotel. Max Maretzek's troupe gave the Opera of Lucia di Lammermoor in Charleston Monday night.

... C. M. Denie, of the New Orleans Picayune, and a poet of considerable promise, died Capt Geo. A Rawlings, known to the

world as the model conductor of the Baltimore

and Ohio Railroad, is at Browns' Hotel.

... Mrs. A. Drake, the once celebrated actress, is playing at the Indianapolis Theatre. She has not been on the stage for some Charles W. Horriger, a young book-

binder in Columbus, Ohio, having been cavilierly treated by a young lady, swallowed a dose of strychnine and died two hours after.

WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY You will meet for inspection and drill, in full uniform and pompons, TO MORROW EVENING. By order: H RICHEY, O. 8. feb 19-2t

A MEETING OF THE WASHING-ton city Young Men's Christian Asso-ciation will be held at the Rooms of the Association, on SATURDAY EVENING, February 21st, at 7% o'clock By order : feb 19 3t CHAS. G. TALCOTT, Rec. Sec.

CHURCH -The Lady Managers announce to their friends that they will close their Fair and Festival on Saturday night, the 21st in stant Those who, approving of their efforts, bave not yet visited them, are requested to call before they close.

TICKETS FOR THE NATIONAL INAUGURATION BALL, FOURTH MARCH. 1857 -Subscribers to the National inauguration Bell are requested to call at the store of the undersigned and get their tickets
Tickets will be for sale at Willards', Kirk wooods', Browns', and the National Hotels, also

and Taylor & Maury's.
WM F BAYLY, Treasurer, Penn. avenue, between 11th and 12th sts. 19-dtMar4th (Union&Intel) feb 19-dtMar4th

at the stores of Shillington, M. H Stevens & Co.,

DER will deliver a Lecture at Columbia Hall, Capitol Hill, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 19th inst , at 7% o'clock. Subject-" A Spock of Cotton." Free admittance feb 18 -21#

HON. S. S. COX, MEMBER OF Congress elect, from Ohio, will deliver a Lecture to the Young Men s Christian Associa-tion. in the Hall of the Smithsonian Institute, on THURSDAY NIGHT, the 19th inst Subject-The Peculiarities of American Humor " Lecture free. feb 18-2t

NOTICE.-THE JUDGES OF Election respectfully announce to the Voters of the Town that under authority o' a resolution of the Coporation approved February 14th, 57, they will meet in their respective precincts on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 20th and 21st instant, namely in the First Precinct at No. 52 Br dge street, in the Second Precinct at No 116 Congress street, the Third at No. 150 Bridge street, and the Fourth at No 64 Market street for the purpose of examining the list of voters returned by the Assessors, and making such corrections as may be brought to their notice then and there. ROBT. A. GRIFFIN, JNO H. WILSON, JOHN MARBURY, JA

RICHARD PETTET Georgetown, Feb. 18, 1857. Committee

D. C., February 17th. 1857.—NOTICE. Those whose School Tax is not paid, must pay the same prior to the 23d instant. C. F. SHEKELL.

COTILLON PARTY -THE MEM-bers of the Active Association of the Northern Liberties' Fire Company, take pleasure in announcing to their friends, that they will give their Fifth Cotillon Party, at their Hall, on THURSDAY, February 19th, 1857. feb 17-31# BY THE COMMITTEE

EXHIBITION.—THE YOUTH Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, 9th street, between E and F, will give an EXHIBITION in the Church on THURSDAY EVENING, the 19th inst., commencing at 71% o'clock The exercises will be of a very entertaining character, consisting of Recitations, Dialogues, Solos, Duetts and Choruses by the children. Admission, 25 cents for adults-12% cents for

NATIONAL WESTERN TELEGRAPH. Office 350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Over Gilman's Drug Store, near 7th street.

children under 12 years of age

THIS LINE HAVING BEEN REBUILT during the past season, is now working without interruption, and offers the cheapest and most direct telegraphic communication to the West, Northwest, and Southwest. feb 2-eolm*

ORPHAN'S FAIR.—THE FAIR for St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's Male and Female Orphan Asylums, will be opened TO-MORROW EVENING, 10th instant, at 6 o'clk, at Iron Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th

NATIONAL INAUGURATION COMMITTEE OF INVITATION.

Hon J R Thompson, Major Wm W Russell, Hon George E Pagh, R J Nevin, R J Nevin, Hon J Glancy Jones, D W Mahon, Hon C J Faulkner, A B Stoughton Hon Jno S Phelps. Chas W Welsh The subscribers to the National Inauguration Ball are requested to leave, at the Stationery store of Wm F. Bayly, No 279 Pennsylvania avenue,

the names and places of residence of the ladies of their families for whom cards of invitation are desired, or transmit them through the post office to Major Wm. W. Rvesell, Chairman of the Com-A subscription book may be found at the store of Mr Bayly. WM W. RUSSELL, jan 30-dif

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.— Course of Lectures to be given by Dr. D. B. RRID, F R. S. E. &c., on the " Progress of Architecture in relation to Ventilation, Warming, Lighting, Fire-proofing, Acoustics, and the general preservation of Health." These lectures will be given en Wednesday, February 11th, Friday 13th, Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th, Friday 20th, Monday 23d, Wednesday 25th, Friday 27th, commencing at a quarter before 8 o'clock. feb 11

WHAT WE WANT THE PEOPLE TO KNOW!-HOUSES FURN-ISHED -We want Housekeepers and those about to commence Housekeeping to bear in mind that the first, second, third and fourth rooms of our large and spacious warehouse are filled to their utmost capacity with every description of CABINET FURNITURE and House-furnishing Goods generally, to which we respectfully invite the attention of those in want of bargains Houses furnished throughout with every article in the housekeeping line VERY CHEAP FOR CASH, or to punctual dealers at the usual credit Call at the "Housekeeper's Emporiem" and examine our stock before purchasing. Our motto is-"Quick sales and small profits." BONTZ & COOMBS.

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CHEAP READING, AT THE CIRCULA-ting Library. Call and get Books at feb 19 FER USON'S, 486 Seventh st.

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Members of Congress and strangers who design purchasing Watches would do well to make an early selection, that their quality may be tho oughly tested before leaving the city

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feb 19-6t 394 Pa. av., bet. 9th and 10th sts.

UNITED STATES MAIL. LOUISIANA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. PROPOSALS FOR CONVEYING THE MAILS June, 1858, in the State of LOUISIANA, will be received at the Contract Office of this departm at un til 8 p. m of 31st of March next, to be decided by 25th of April following, on the route, and in the time hereinafter stated :

No. 7829 From Moreanville, by Mans-rd, Marks ville, and Point Magree, to Alexandria, La 50 miles and back, three times a week Leave Moreanvi le Monday, Wednesday and

Friday at 6 a m Arrive at Alexandr's next days by 12 m Leave Alexan ria Tuesday, Thursday and

Siturday at 2 p m Arriv at Moreanville next days by 8 p m For forms of proposal, guarantee, and certificate, also instructions and requirements to be embraced in the contracts, see advertisement of the 24 instant, in pamphlet form, at the principal post offices, and also the adv rt sement of January 9, 1854, of routes

JAMES CAMPBELL, feb 19-law4w Postmaster G neral. UNITED STATES MAIL.

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ARKANSAS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, February 17,

DROPOSALS FOR CONVEYING THE MAILS June, 1858, in the States from 1st July, 1857, to 3 th ceived at the Contract Office of this department un til 3 p m of 31st of March next, to be decided by 25th of April following, on the route, and in the time hereinafter stated:

No. 7503 From List's Rock, by Fourchs. College-v.lle Midway, Berlin, Fair P.ay, Rekport, Midway, Arkatelphia, Clear Spring, Antoine, Huddlesten, G aves, and Maribrook to Washington, 130 miles and back, three

Leave Little Rock Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 a m Arrive at Washington next cays by 7 p m Leave Washington Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 a m

Arrive at Little Rock next days by 7 p m Proposals to convey the mails in fur-horse coaches are invited. For forms of proposal, guarantee and certificate, also instructions and requirements to be embraced in the contracts, see acverisement of the 2d instant

in pamphlet f. rm. at the principal post offices, and also the advertisement of January 9, 1854, of routes in Arkansas, &c. JAMES CAMPBELL, Postmaster General. feb 19-1aw4w

[No. 575.]

By the President of the United States IN PURSUANCE OF LAW, I. FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that public siles will be held at the undermentioned and offices in the TERRITORY OF OREGON, at the periods hereinafter designated to wit:

At the land office at Origon City, commencing on Monday the tenth day of August next, for the dis posal of the public lands within the following named townshins viz orth of the base line and east of the Willamette me

Township one and fractional township two, o South of the base line and east of the Willamette mo Townships one, two, and three, of range one.

North of the base line and west of the Willamette ridian Township one, of ranges one, two and three. South of the base line and west of the Willamette me-

Townships one, two and thee, of range two.

Township one. of ranges one, two and three. Township thee, of ranges one and two. Township four, of ranges one two and three Township seven, of ranges two, three, four and

Township elev n, of ranges three, four and five. Townships seventeen and eighteen, of range three Town hips seventeen and eighteen, of range four. At the land office at WINCHESTER, commencing on Monday, the tenth day of August next, for the disposat of the public lands situated within the folowing named townships, viz :

South of the base line and west of the Willamette me Sections one to fifteen, inclusive, the northeast quarter of section seventeen, the northeast quarter f se tion tweaty two, sections twenty three, twenty-four, twenty five, twenty-six, and thurty-five, of

township twenty-two, of range siz. The southwest quarter of section seven, the southwest quarter of section fifteen, the northwest quarter an i the south half of section seventeen, sections eighteen, ninete n, twenty, and twenty one, the northwest quarter of section twenty two, the northwest quarter of section twenty eight, sections twenty-nine, thirty, thirty one and thirty two, of township twenty two, of range seven.

Lots one to .ix, inclusive, of s ction four; lots one to four, inclusive, of section five; lots one to five, inclusive, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section seven; lots one to seve en, inclusive, and the southwe t quarter of the northeast of section eight, the east half of section, the east half of the northwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the Lorthwest quarter, and the east baif of the southwest quarter of nine; the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section ten; the s uthwest qua ter of the southwest quarter of section eleven; the southeast quarter of section twelve, sect or s thirteen, fourteen and fifteen; the northwest quarter of the north ast, and the northwest quarter of section eighteen; lots one to nine, inclu sive, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twen y, sections twenty-one to twenty seven, inclusive; the east half and then orthwest quarter of section (wenty eight; lots one and two, and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty nine; the northeast qua ter of section thirty-three, and sections thirty-four and thirty five, of township twenty two, of range

Lots one and two, of section seven : lots one t Ava, in lusive, and the east half of the southeast quarter of sect on eight, the west half of the sout west quarter of section nine, the north haif of the northeast quarter, the north taif of the northwest quarie, and lots one to four, inclusive, of section thirteen; the north half, and lots one to four, inclu sive, of section fourteen; the sou h half of the northeast quarter, the south half of the northwest quarter and lots one to four, inclusive, of section fifteen; the northeast quarter of the northeast, and lets one and two of section seventeen, and lots one to six, inclusive, of section eighteen of township twenty two, of range nine

Townships twenty-six and twenty-n ven, of Townships twenty-six and twenty-seven of range

Townships thirty-six, thirty-seven, and thirtyeight, of range one. That part of township thirty-sir, south and east of the Indian reservation, township thirty-seven, sections one to six inclusive, sections eight to fifteen inclusive, and section twenty-four of township thirty-eight, of :ange two. That part of township thirty-six south of the In-

dian reservation, of lange three. That part of township therey- ix south and west of the Indian re ervation, of range four. Secti ne four to nine inclusive, sections fifteen

and seventeen to twenty-four inclusive, and sections twenty-sight to thirty-three inclusive, of township thirty-six, of range are Township thirty- ix, of lange six

Sections one, two, and ten, to fifteen, inclusive, and sections twenty-two to twenty-six, inclusive of towaship thirty-six; sections one to eleven, in clusiv , sevante on, eighteen, nineteen, and thirty, to thirty-four, inclusive, of townships thirty-seven; ections two to ninetern, inclusive, and twenty one, twenty-'wo, and twenty- even, the southwe i quarter of section twenty-nine, sections thirty and thisy-me, the west baif of section thirty-two and sec tion thirty-four of township thirty-eight; se tions nineteen to twenty-two inclusive, and restion twenty-seven to thirty-four inclusive, of township th rty-nine; sections four to eight inclusive, and eighteen of township ferty, of range teren South of the base line and east of the Willamette me

Township thirty- light and sections one to six in-clas ve, nine to fitteen inclusive, and twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-five of township thirty nine, of range one. Laads appropriated by law for the use of schools, mili ary, and oth r purposes, will be excluded from the sales.

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The offering of the ab ve lands will be c inmeneed on the days appointed, and will proceed in the order in which ther are advertised, until the whole hall have b en offered and the sales thus cosed but no sale shall be kept open longer than two weeks, and no private entry of any of the lands will be admitted until after the expiration of the Given under my hand, at the c ty of Washington,

this thirteenth day of February, Anno Domini one thou and eight hundred and fif y-seven.

FRANKLIN PIERCE. By the President:

THOS A. HENDRICKS, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

NOTICE TO PRE-EMPTION CLAIMANTS. Every person en itled to the right of pre-emp-tion to any of the lands within the townships and arts of townships above enumerated is required to es ab ish the same to the ratisfaction of the register and receiver of the proper land off e, and moke payment therefor as soon as practicable after seeing this notice and before the day appoint d for the commencement of the public sale of the lands embra . ing the tract c a med; etherwise such c'a m will be forfeited. THOS A HENDRICKS. Commis ioner of the General Land Office. f b 19-1aw13w1

TO EXHIBITORS OF THE M. M. Fa . A quantity of GLASS CASES and SASHES for sale cheap at 304 Penn. avenue, over Mr. Ri-denour's Confectionary. feb 13-4

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FOURTH GRAND CONCERT BY THE PYNE AND HARRISON NGLISH OPERA COMPANY PROGRAMME OF CONCERT-PART ! Piano-Urka Mazourka

Mr A. Sedgwick Cavatina-" Silence o'er all is reigning," (Lucie) Miss Louise Pyne. Ballad-"Oh, whisper what thou feelest," (Crown Dis Mr. W. Harrison. Solo Concertina- First Concerto for the violin De Berie . Duce—"Ba Quel Di." (Linda)

Miss Louisa Pyre and Mr. W. Harrison.
Buffo Song—"Blue Beard"

Mr., Horncastle.

J. Parry Between the parts an interval of fifteen minutes Rode's Celebrated Air, rich variations, Miss Louisa Pyne. 2. Ballad-"My Pretty Jane," Mr. W. Harrison

2. Fantasia Concertina—On the favorite Scotch ballad "Kell vin Grove," Mr. A. Sedgwick. vin Grove," Mr. A. Sedgwick.
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Wm S Venable for \$25 each, payment of same having been prohibited. The find r will please leave them with Mr. Geo. Venable, at the Bank of Washington, or Messrs English & Sens, George town, and receive a suitable reward if required. STRAYED OR S TOLEN-FROM THE subscriber, residing near the first toll gate on Seventh street Plank Road, on

atu day evening, Feb 14, a small Red COW-white face, and white on the tip of her tail. Had, when she left, a black strap around her horns. Any one bringing her to me, or giving information of her whereabouts so that I can get her again, will be liberally rewarded

OST .- IN THE GALLERY OF THE House of Representatives, or on the way from thence to the east Portico, a BLACK LACE COLLAR The finder will receive thanks, and a

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